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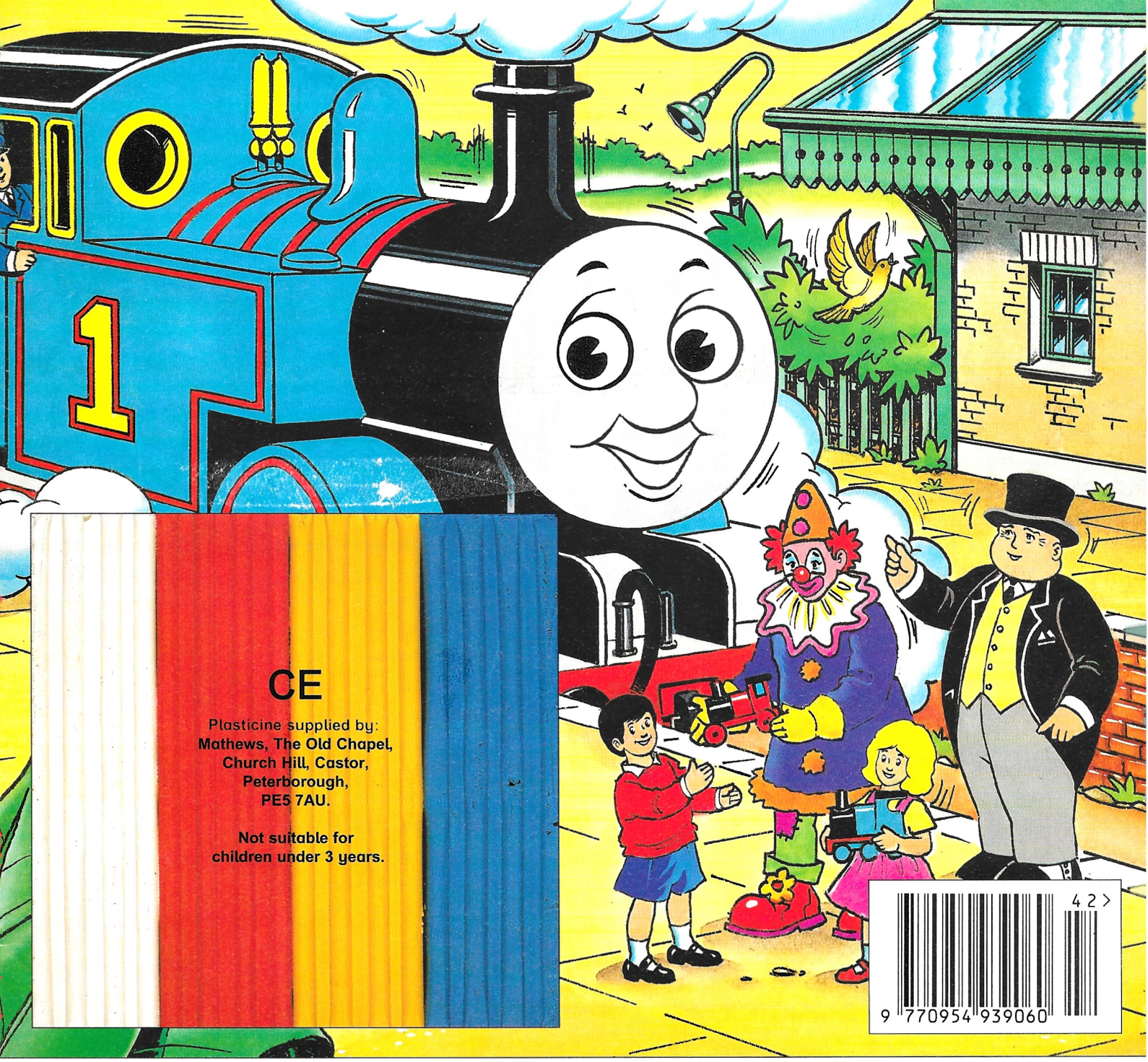

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Notice Board!

There's plenty of excitement in this issue of Thomas's very own magazine. In our first story, Thomas has to rush a group of children to a party in Tidmouth. In 'Thomas and the Jackdaws!' a flock of birds have to come to Thomas's rescue, and what's happening in 'Carriage Chaos!'? Surely the Fat Controller hasn't decided to take Annie and Clarabel out of service?

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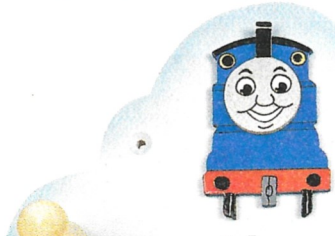

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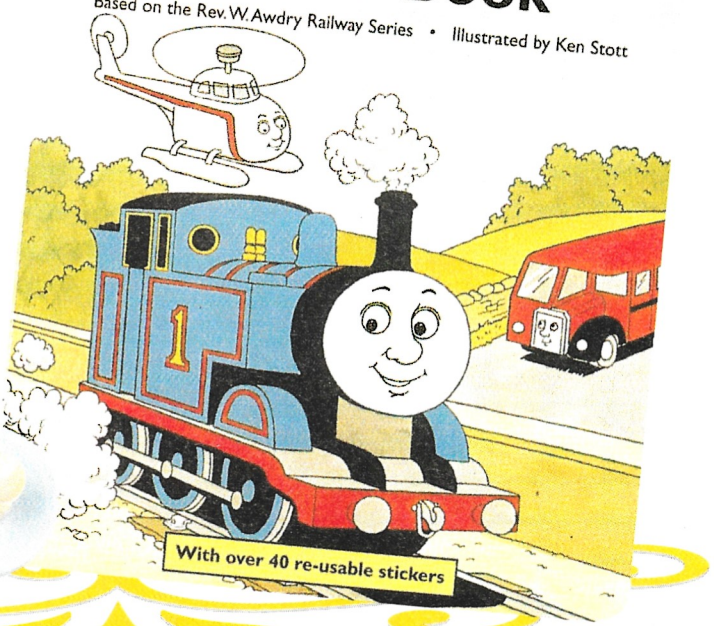

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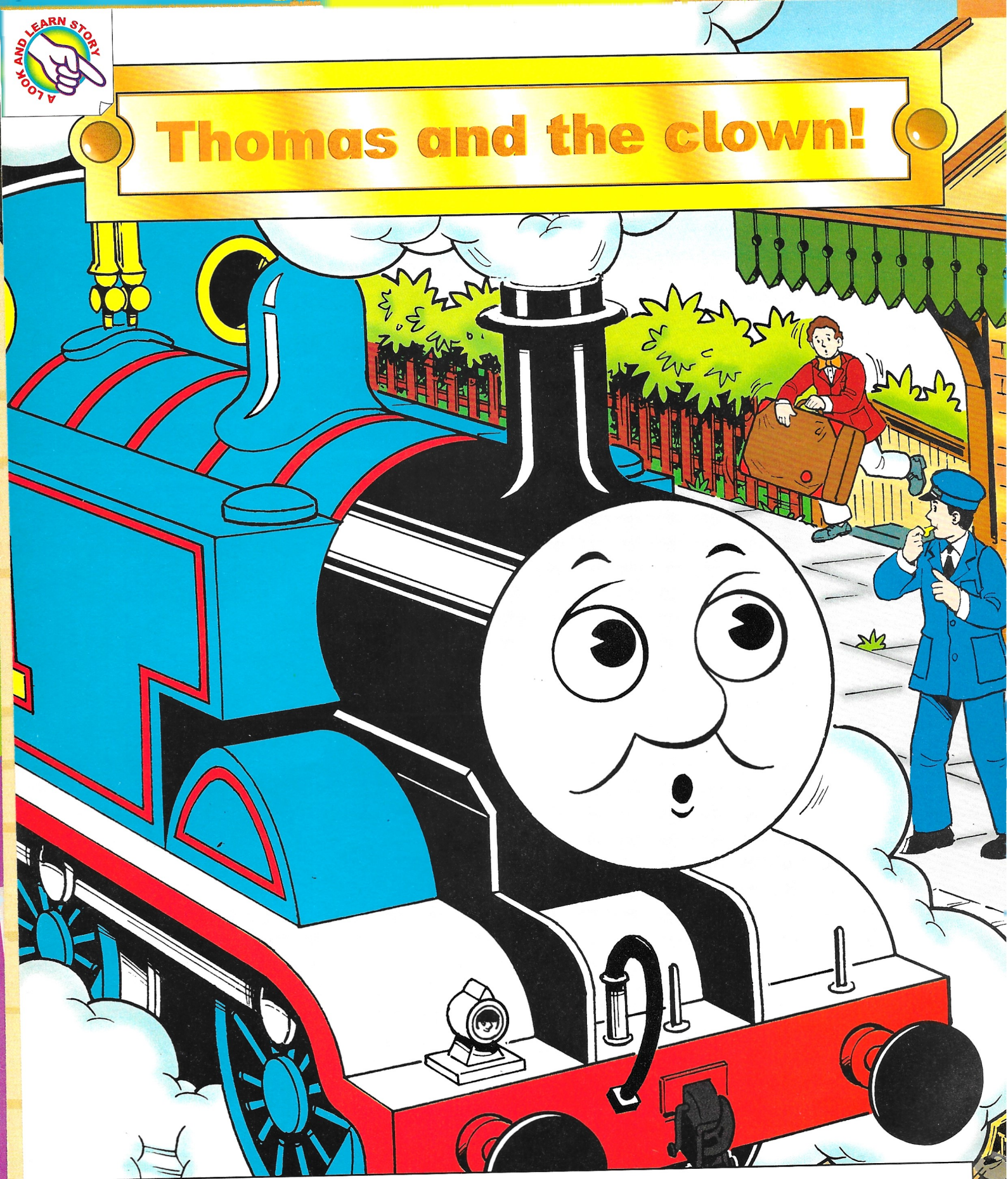
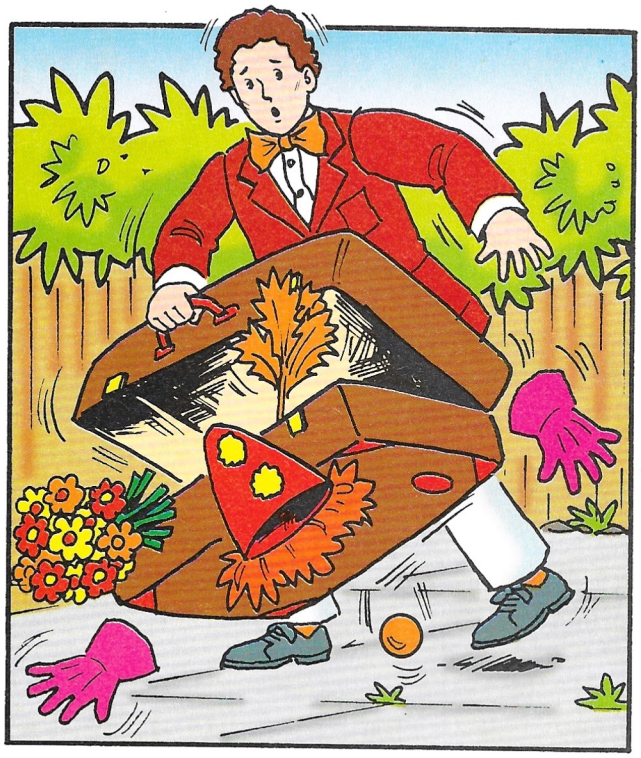
Thomas and the clown!



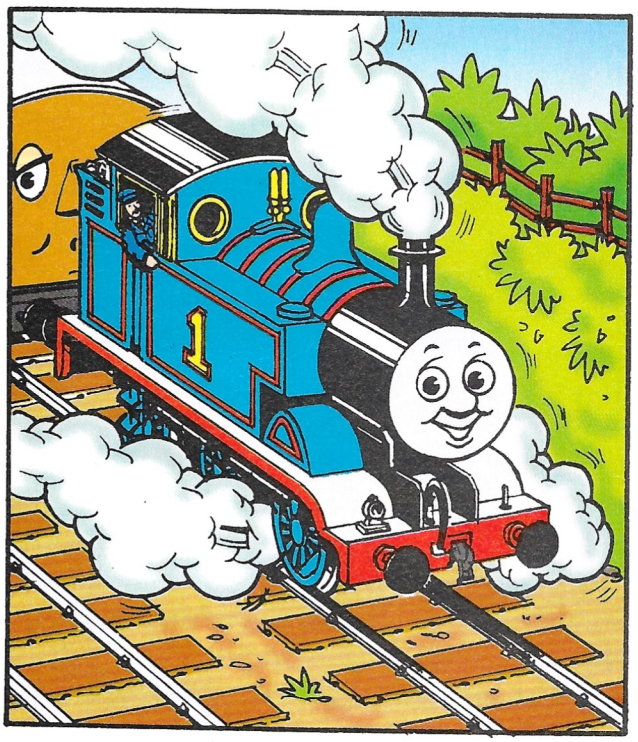
1. One morning, Thomas rolled into the Main Station. He was to take the vicar and some children to a party at a craft centre near Tidmouth.

2. Some other passengers joined the train too. But just before Thomas was about to leave, a man suddenly ran on to the platform.

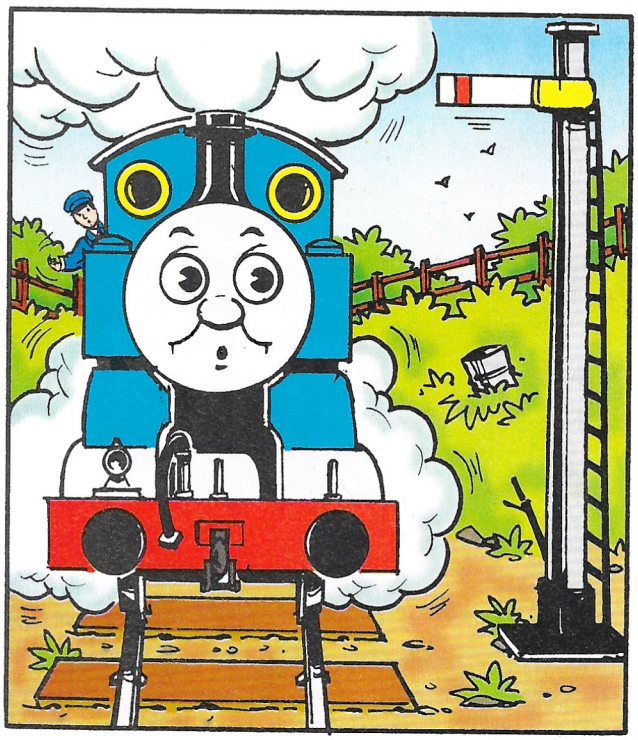


3. He was carrying a big, heavy case. Suddenly, it burst open. Out fell lots of clothes, a feather duster and a red plastic nose.

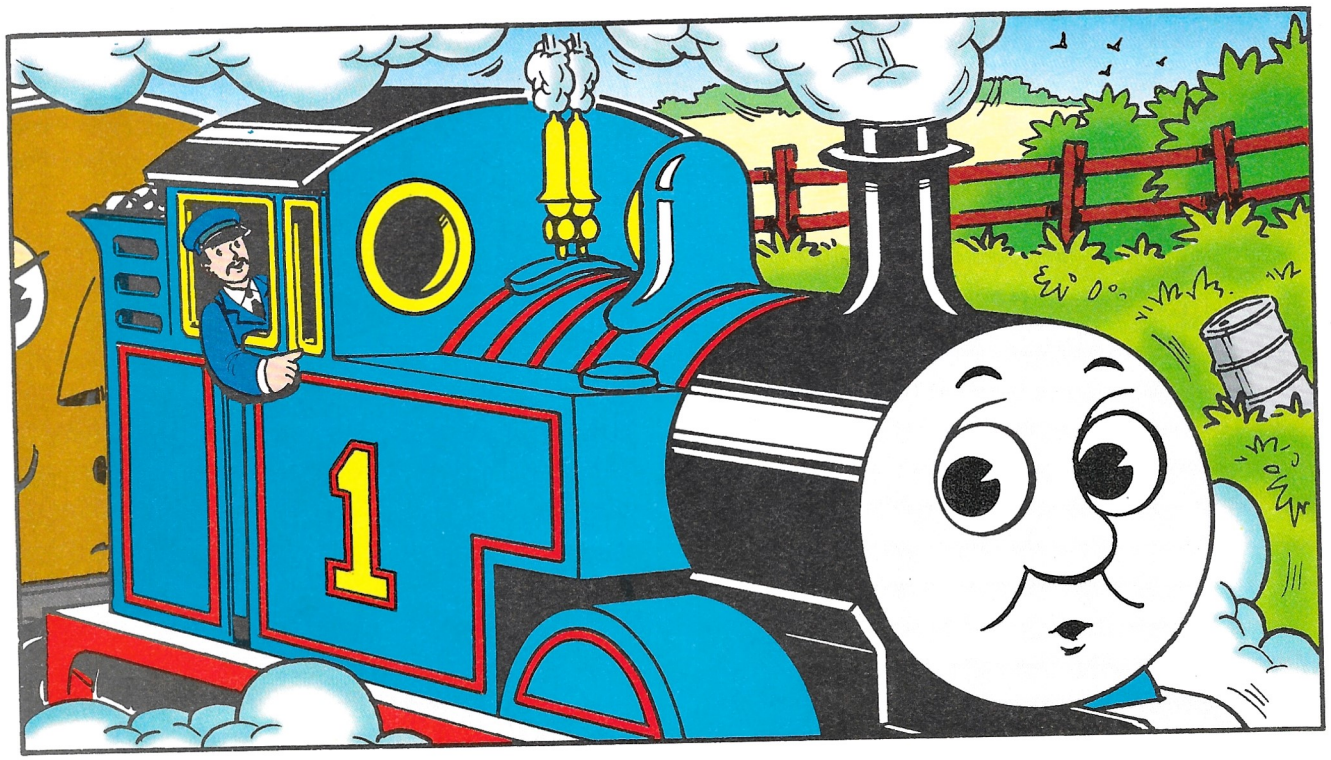
4. Thomas was not allowed to leave until the stationmaster had helped pick them up. The man explained that he worked as a clown.



5. Thomas set off a few minutes late. "I hope I can still get the children to the party on time!" he thought, steaming along urgently.

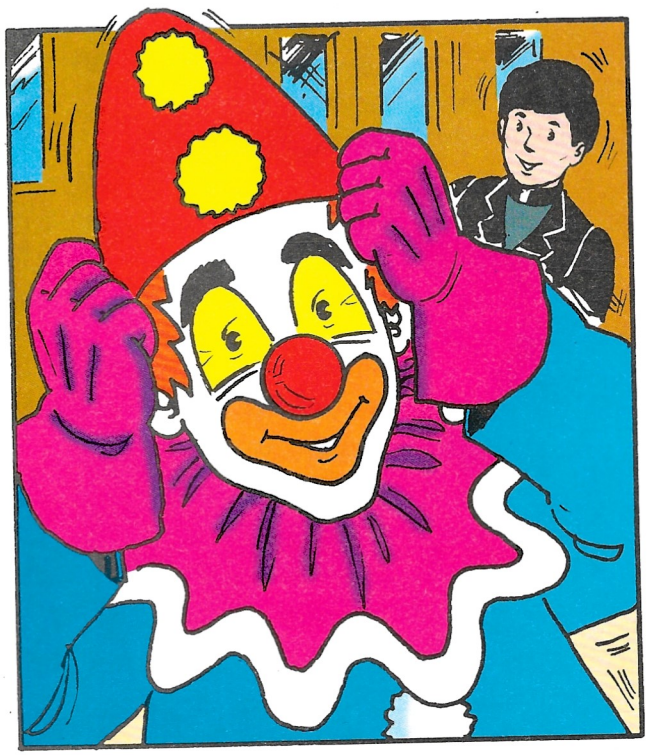


6. Soon, Thomas had to stop at a signal. "Oh, no! What's wrong?" he groaned. The signalman waved to Thomas's driver from his signalbox.



7. "Thomas can't continue until I've fixed this points failure!" he said. The children were very disappointed when the vicar told them.

8. "We'll be delayed for at least another half an hour!" Thomas's driver told him. "The children will be late now!" sighed Thomas.

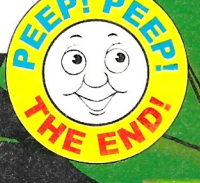


9. Suddenly Thomas had an idea. He told his driver who went to see the clown. The man then put on his funny colourful clown's clothes.

10. How all the children laughed when the clown pulled a feather duster from his sleeve and a long string of hankies from a pocket.

11. The points were finally fixed and the clown finished his act while the children clapped. Then Thomas hurried on his way to Tidmouth Station. To everyone's surprise, the clown was going to perform at the same party at the craft centre.

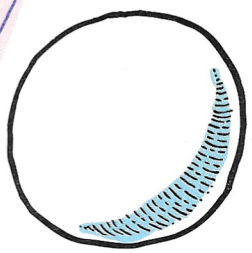
12. "I didn't know this was where you were all going!" the clown said. At the craft centre, the children saw toys being made. They were even given wooden clowns, while the entertainer performed for them again. "What an entertaining day it has been!" smiled Thomas.



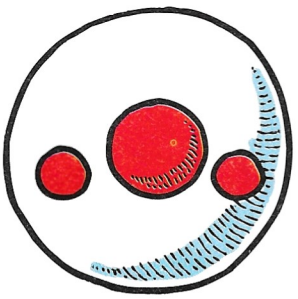
CLOWNING

You can make a splendid model

Use all the white plasticine to make a ball. This will be your clown's head.

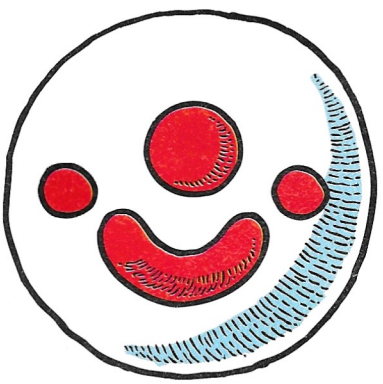


Use some red plasticine to make a smaller ball for his nose. Make two slightly smaller red balls, then squash them flat, to make his cheeks.

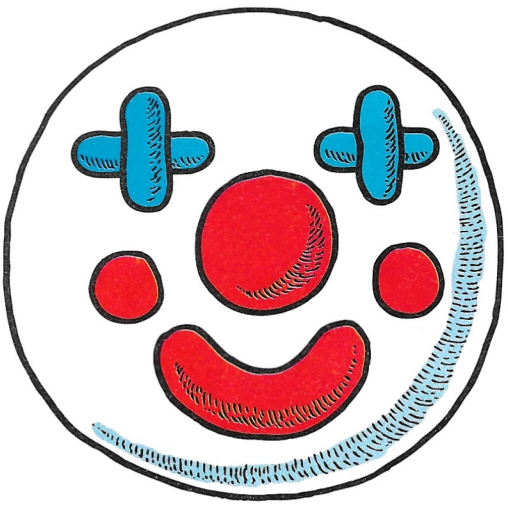


Roll a long red sausage shape, then bend it up at the ends. This is your clown's smiling mouth.

Place it on his face the other way up if you want your clown to look sad!

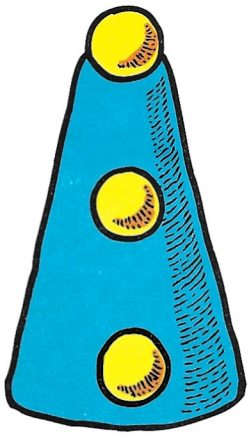


Now roll four small pieces of blue plasticine in sausage shapes. Press them together into two crosses for his eyes.

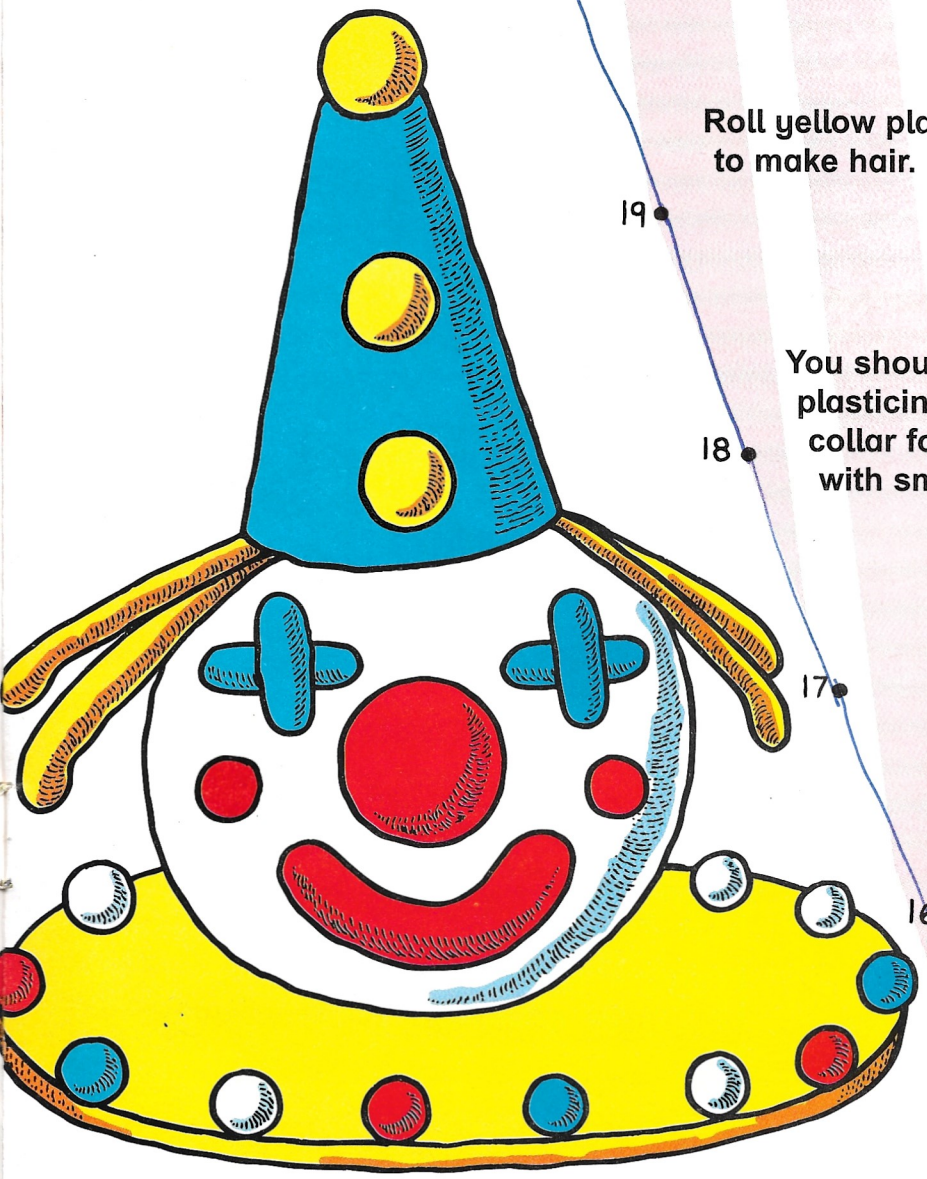


AROUND!

clown with your plasticine!



Your clown needs a hat. Use blue plasticine to make a cone shape. Decorate it with three yellow balls. Then put it on your clown's head.



Roll yellow plasticine into long strands to make hair. Stick it under his hat.

You should have enough yellow plasticine left to make a round flat collar for your clown. Decorate it with small blue balls.

Now think of a name for your clown!

Start at number 1 and join the dots around the page to see where your clown is performing next!

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YOUR LETTERS

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas pre-school toys!

STAR LETTER!

A JOB FOR MAVIS!

Dear Fat Controller,
Does Mavis pull anything else apart from trucks?
Love from **Oliver Astington, aged 7.**

Mavis is a diesel engine who has only recently begun to work with Toby. When her confidence improves I will give her more responsible jobs to do. However, until then she will mostly help Toby to pull trucks.

THE EXPRESS ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
Gordon is always very happy when he pulls the Express! But do any of the other engines pull the Express?
Love from **Oliver Capel.**

I always prefer Gordon to pull the Express because he is the strongest and fastest engine. However, if he is at the works, I ask James or Henry to pull the coaches for him instead. They are very strong engines too!

MORE ABOUT OLIVER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I would love to know more about Oliver! Could you tell me where he came from?
Love from **Robert Baker, aged 4.**

Of course, Robert. When the West of England Branch Lines were closed down, there was a fear that Oliver would be scrapped. However, he was saved by his good friend Douglas, the Scottish twin. He was then painted in the same colours as Duck and now works happily on Duck's branch line.

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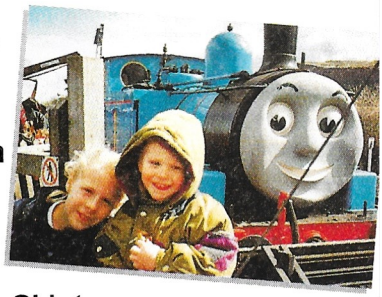


Dear Fat Controller,
This is a picture of me with my sister, Emma. It was taken when we went to see Thomas and his friends at the Embsay Railway in Skipton.
Love from **John, aged 3.**

MEETING THOMAS!

Dear Fat Controller,
My name is Christopher and I am very fond of Thomas the Tank Engine. This is a picture taken of me when I was at a Thomas weekend in Cleethorpes. I had a really great day!
Thank you from **Christopher Needham.**

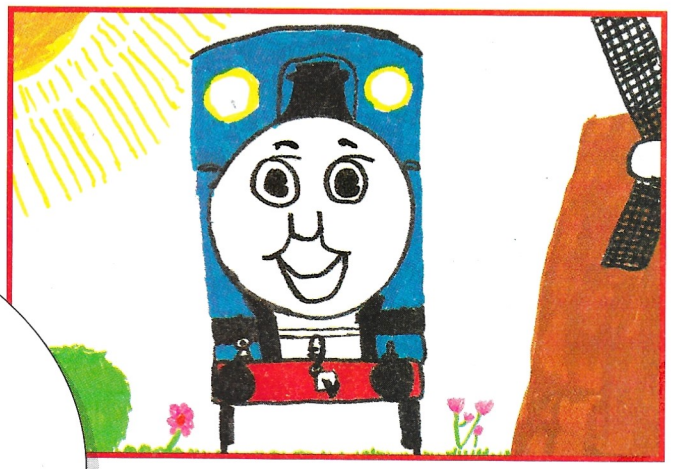
BIRTHDAYS!

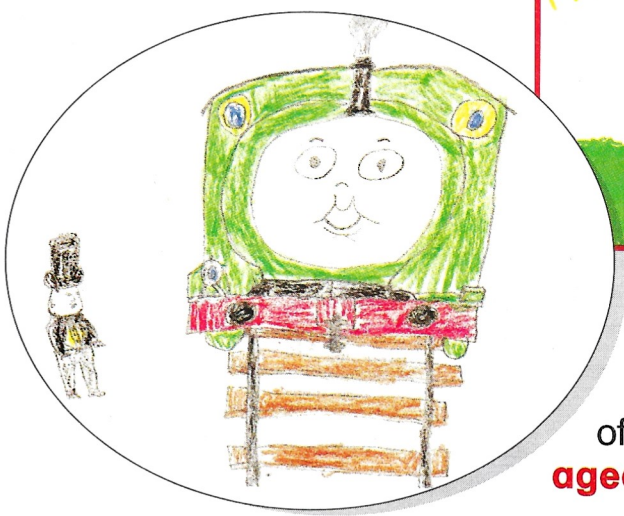
Birthday greetings go out to...
Daniel Hall, Alan Stephen Pursall, Steven Goodwin, Dean Gardner, Thomas Short, Alan Bennie, Joseph Lynskey and Matthew Stokes.

Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

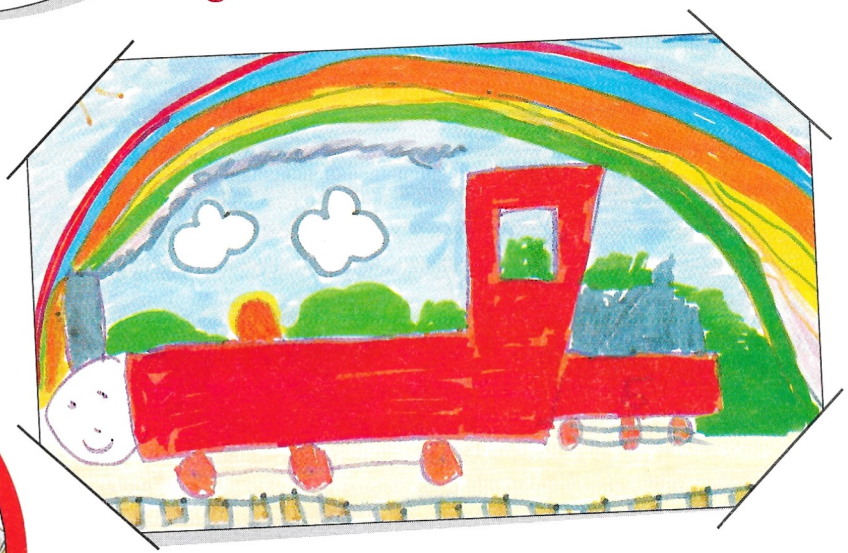
Paul Beddow, from Essex, has sent this big bright picture of Thomas. Can you see the brown windmill?

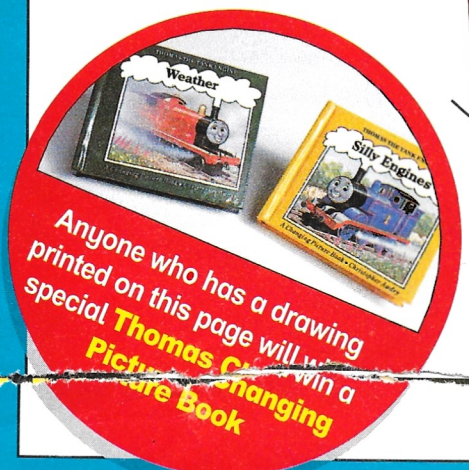




Percy is a young saddletank engine who has lots of great stories to tell. This splendid drawing of him was sent in by **Stephen Lee, aged 3.**

This picture is called 'James and the rainbow!' It was coloured by **Richard Dennis, aged 5.** Well done, Richard!





Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special **Thomas** [illegible] **Changing Picture Book**

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then please send your picture to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

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Colour in the cat!

Add some more whiskers!

How many cows can you see?

Where is the sun hiding?

What colour is the guard's

Count the crows!

Point to the tiny caterpilla

Point to the cottage!

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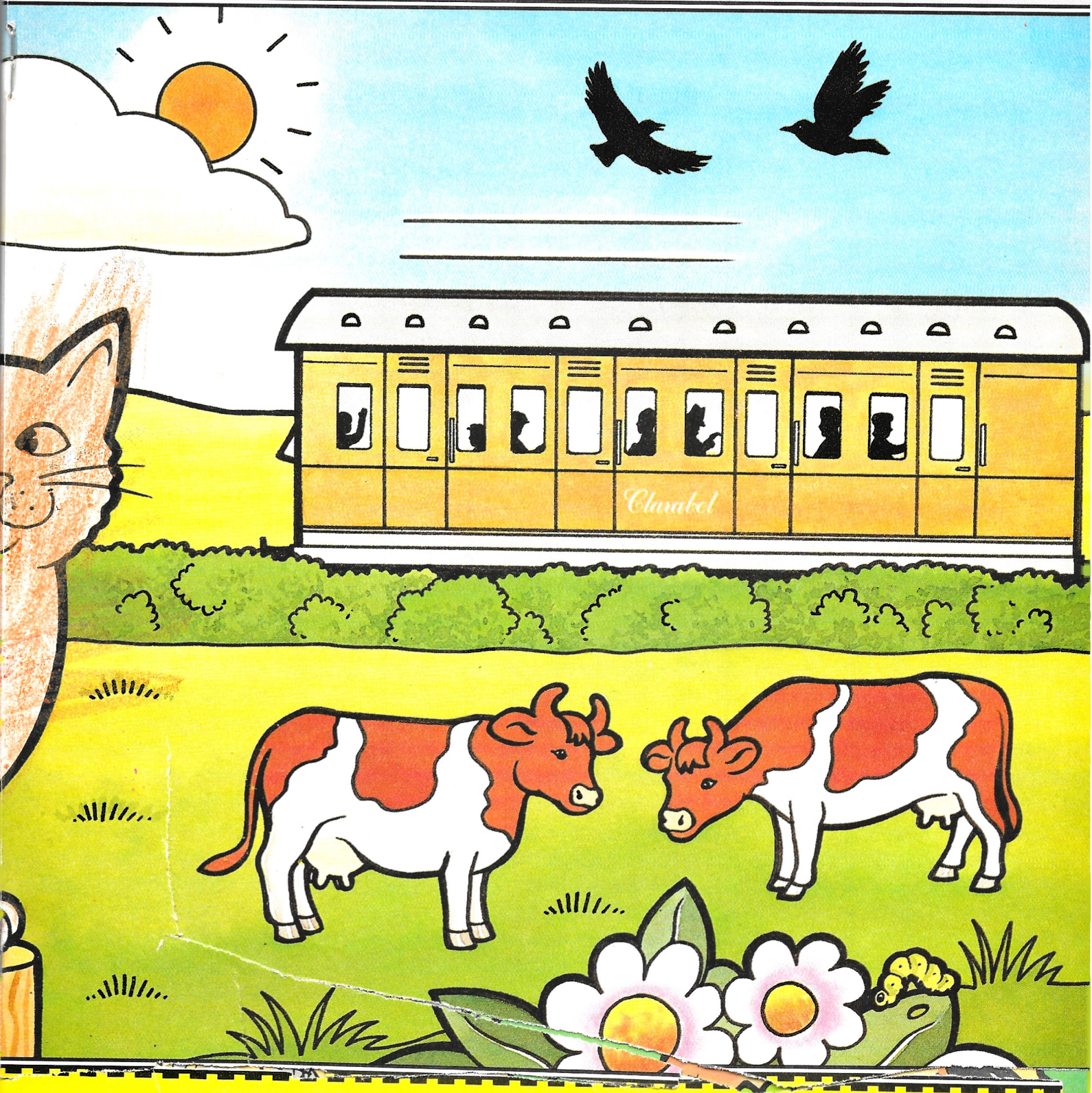


This centrespread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

A READ ALOUD STORY
PEEP! PEEP!

Thomas and the jackdaws!

There was an old ruined bridge on part of Thomas's branch line. It was no longer safe for people to use, but it wasn't deserted. The bridge was home to lots of birds. Wherever there was a hole, or a ledge, or a crack, the birds had built their nests.

"Chak! Chak!" the birds would call noisily as they flew around the ruined bridge or perched on it. Thomas thought they were saying 'hello' to him.

"Those birds are jackdaws," said Thomas's driver.

birds

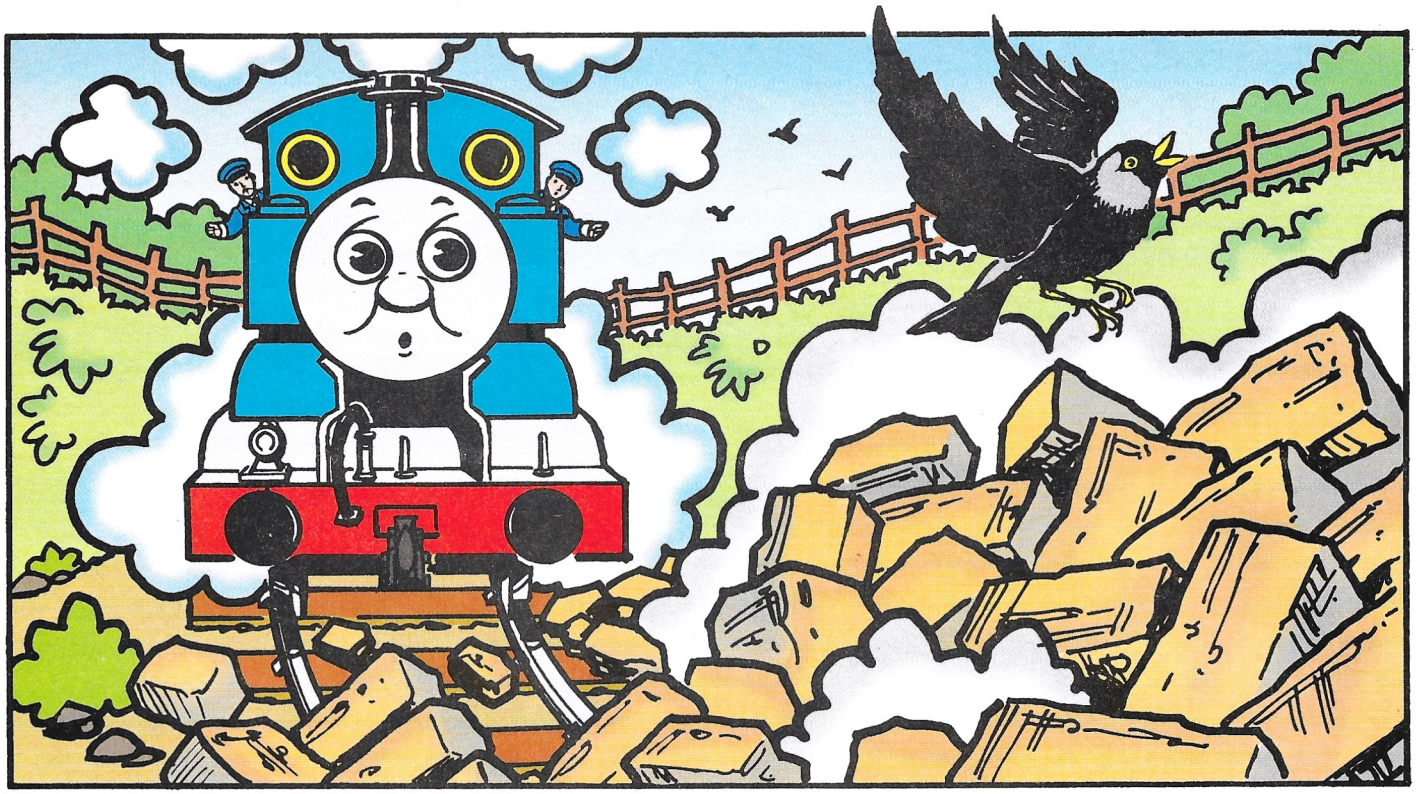
"They're my friends!" replied Thomas. He liked seeing the birds. They always seemed so friendly. One morning, Thomas puffed along his branch line with his faithful carriages, Annie and Clarabel.

"The jackdaws and the old bridge are around the next bend," he thought.

Just before Thomas steamed into the bend he saw lots of the jackdaws in the sky. More were perched on a signal and a signalbox, and some had even landed on the track. The ones on the track only took off when Thomas was very close. The jackdaws' calls were even more noisy than usual.

"That's strange!" said Thomas's driver. "Why have all the jackdaws left the old ruined bridge?"

"Something must be wrong!" replied Thomas.



He slowed down and went along very carefully. Then Thomas had a shock. The ruined bridge had fallen on to the line, blocking his path.

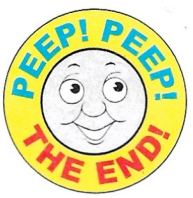
"Smoke and fire!" cried Thomas. "The jackdaws were warning me!"

"We would have been derailed!" gasped his driver. Thomas was safe, and workmen soon cleared the line. But Thomas was sad the jackdaws had lost their home.

A few days later though, Thomas was happy to see the jackdaws had found a new place to roost in a huge hollow oak tree.

"Chak! Chak!" they called to him as usual.

"Peep! Peep! Thank you!" Thomas replied happily.



Where do birds usually build their nests?

What colour are the jackdaw birds in our story?

Practise writing the word 'bird' in the space provided!

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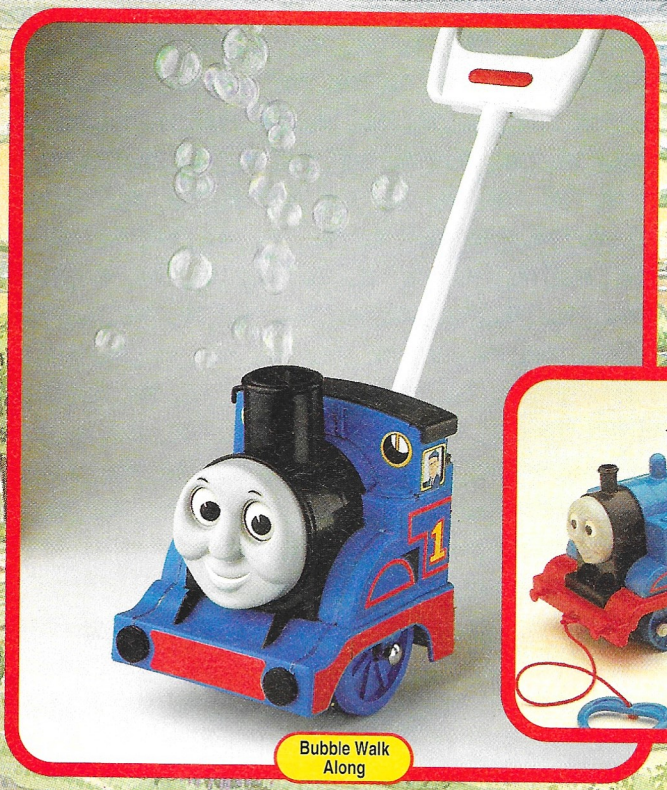
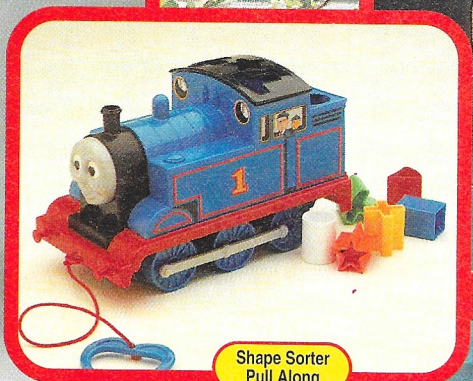
NEW
Harold Pull Along

Remote Control Thomas



Bubble Walk Along



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Motorised Percy	£7·99		
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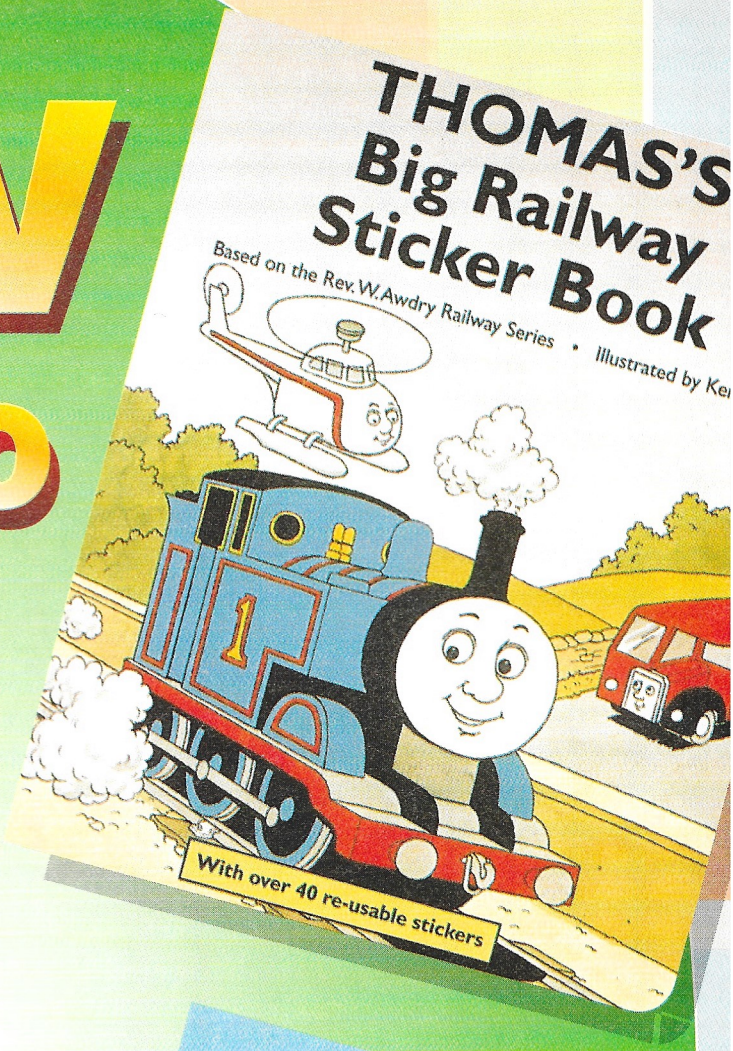
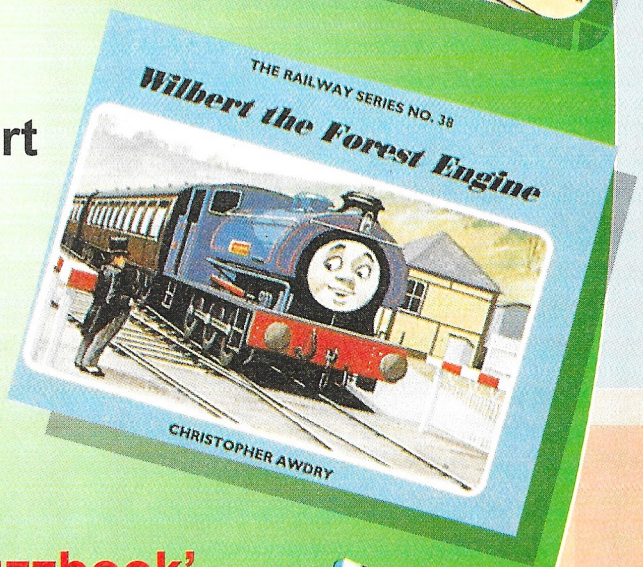
New books to be won!



Reed Books have just published a brand new batch of Thomas books.

We are featuring them in a 2-part competition which begins right here! Fifteen lucky winners will each be sent this great set of Thomas books which includes the new **'Thomas Big Railway Sticker Book'** (complete with stickers), the latest **'Thomas Buzzbook'** in the series and No. 38 of the **'Classic Railway Series'** of books.



If you'd like to win one of these fabulous prizes, just cut-out and keep the token on this page. You'll need it next issue when we'll tell you exactly how to enter! **Good Luck!**

Decorate your room with Thomas!

Here's the second part of our fantastic once in a lifetime offer. It's your chance to collect a unique range of hand-painted Thomas door plaques, coat pegs, wall clocks and bookends! By using the special order forms in our next three issues, you'll be able to collect the complete range of amazing Thomas bedroom decorations!

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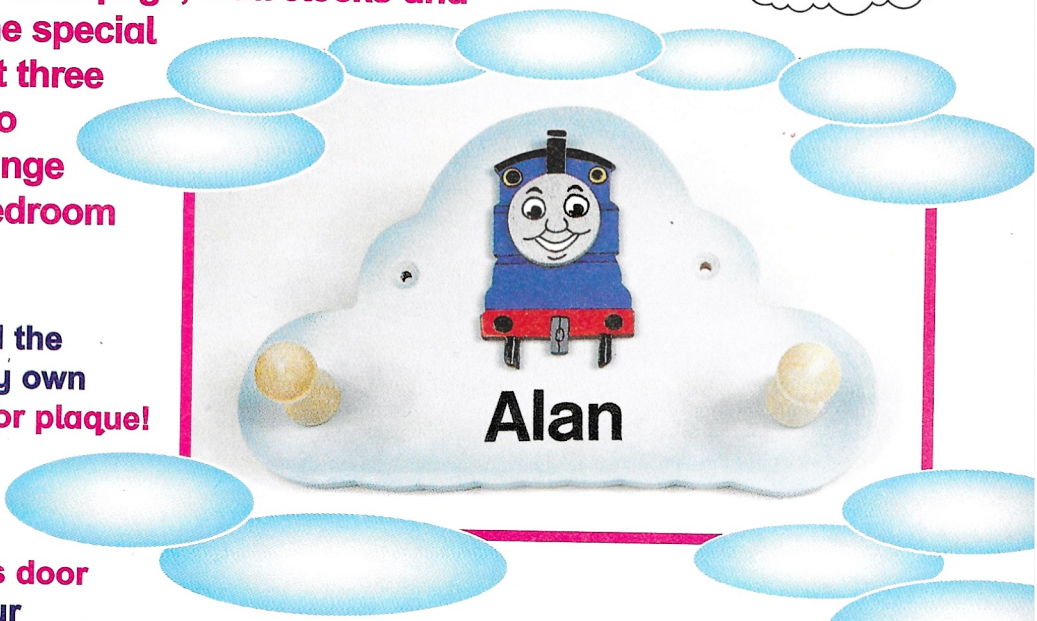

In our last issue, you had the chance to order your very own personalised Thomas door plaque! Here, we are offering you the opportunity to send off for a Thomas coat peg! Just like the Thomas door plaque, you can have your name printed on it! What a great way to keep your room nice and tidy!!

This brilliant Thomas coat peg is being offered at the special price of £6.99, which includes postage and packaging. To order your Thomas coat peg, complete the form in capital letters, writing your name very clearly. Then send it, with a postal order or cheque for £6.99 made payable to *Ends*, to: ***Coat Peg Offer, Ends, 31 Ripper's Court, Station Rd., Sible Hedingham, Essex CO9 3PY.*** Your personalised Thomas coat peg will be posted off to you within 7 days of receipt of your order.

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Please send me ..... (No. required) Thomas coat peg(s) priced £6.99 each.

The name I'd like on my coat peg is:

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(please indicate other names if you're ordering more than one coat peg).

I've enclosed a cheque or postal order for £ .....

Name.....Address.....

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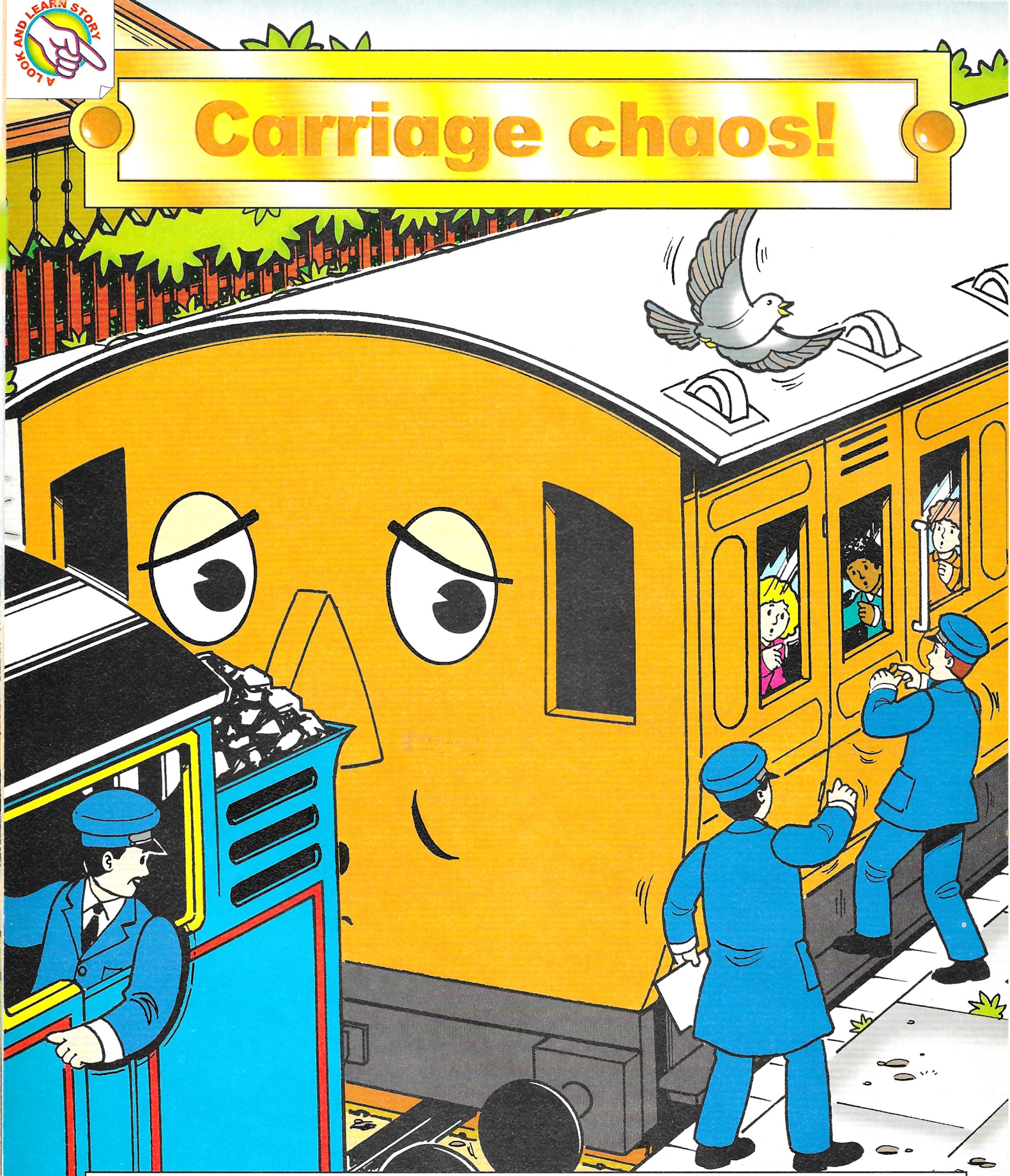
Don't miss our next issue either, where you'll be able to add a personalised Thomas wall clock to your splendid collection!

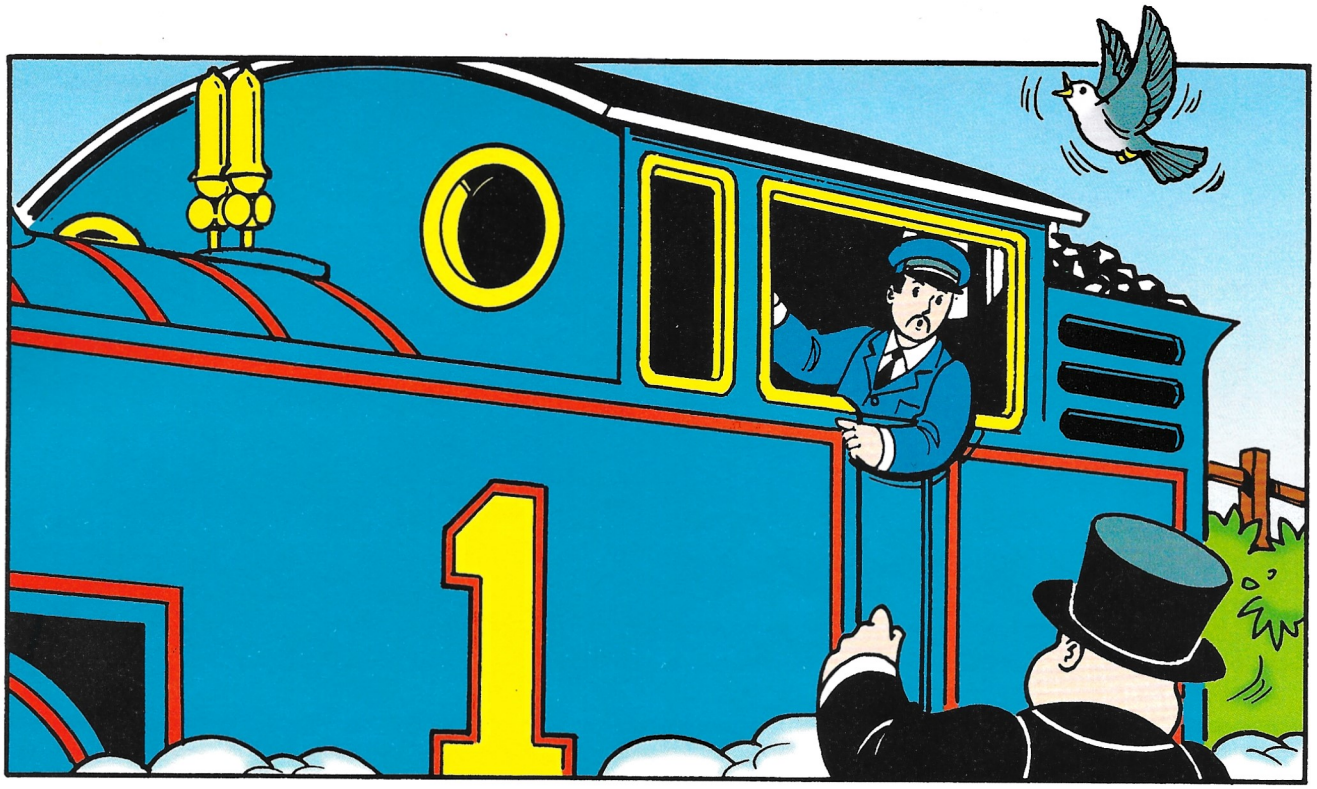
A LOOK AND LEARN STORY

Carriage chaos!



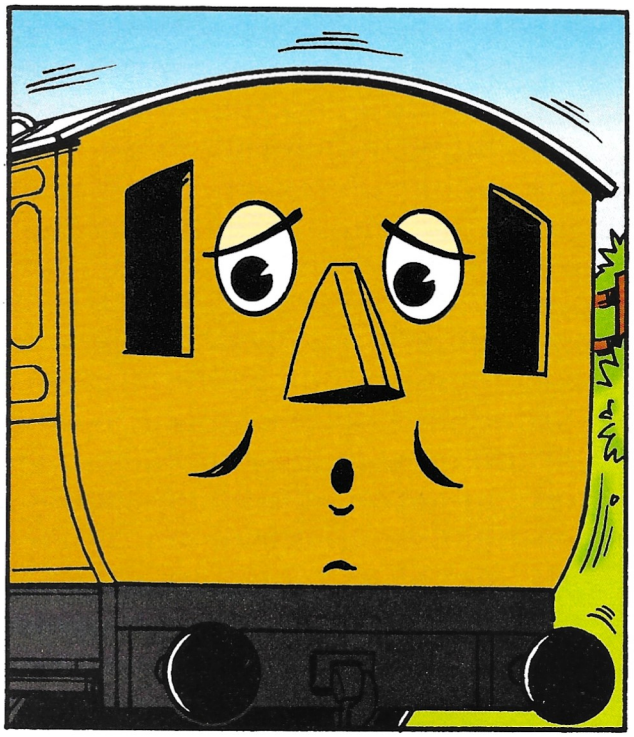
1. Annie and Clarabel were having problems. First one of Annie's doors stuck and two of the station staff had to help the passengers get out.

2. Then Clarabel's brakes jammed on, causing another delay. The two carriages looked old and tired. Even their seats looked worn out.



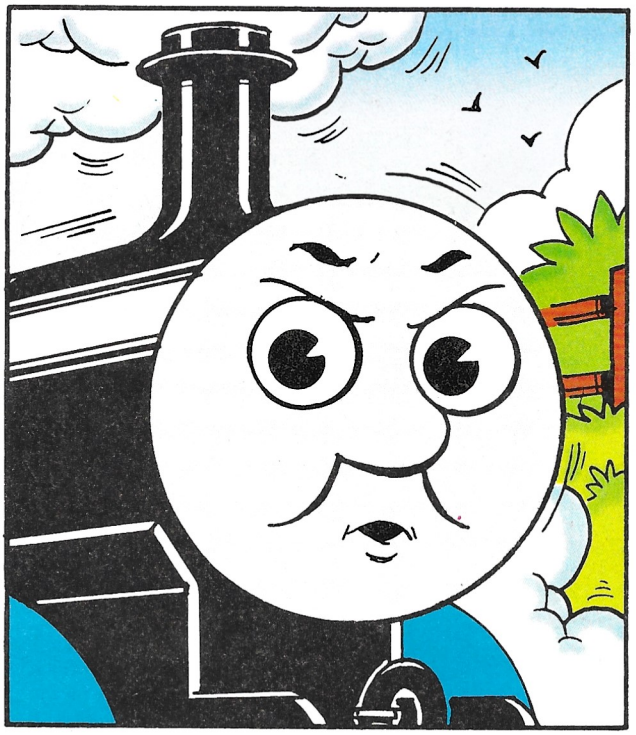
3. "My railway must run efficiently," said the Fat Controller, later. "I have decided to take Annie and Clarabel out of service!"

4. "Tomorrow Thomas is to fetch Clarissa and Emma," he added. "I'll be pleased to!" said Thomas. Annie and Clarabel were shocked.

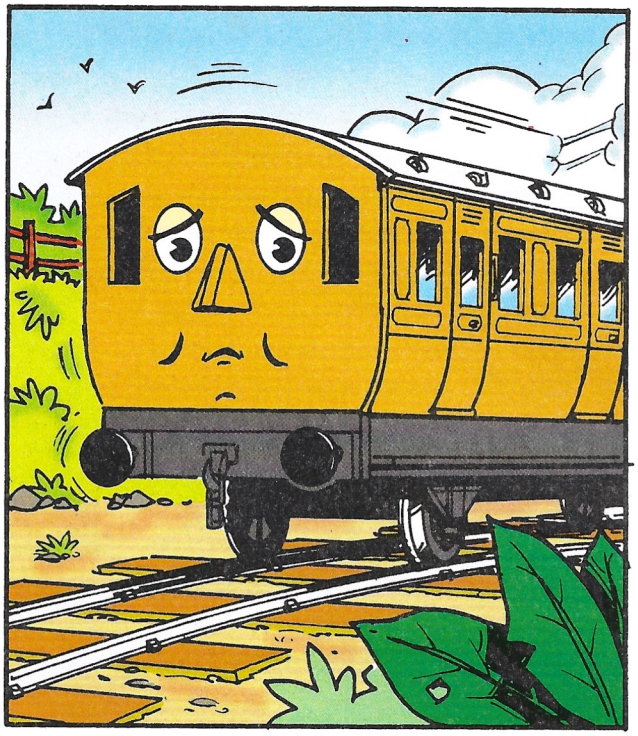


5. "Emma and Clarissa must be new carriages! We're to be scrapped!" gasped Annie. "Even Thomas wants to get rid of us!" said Clarabel.

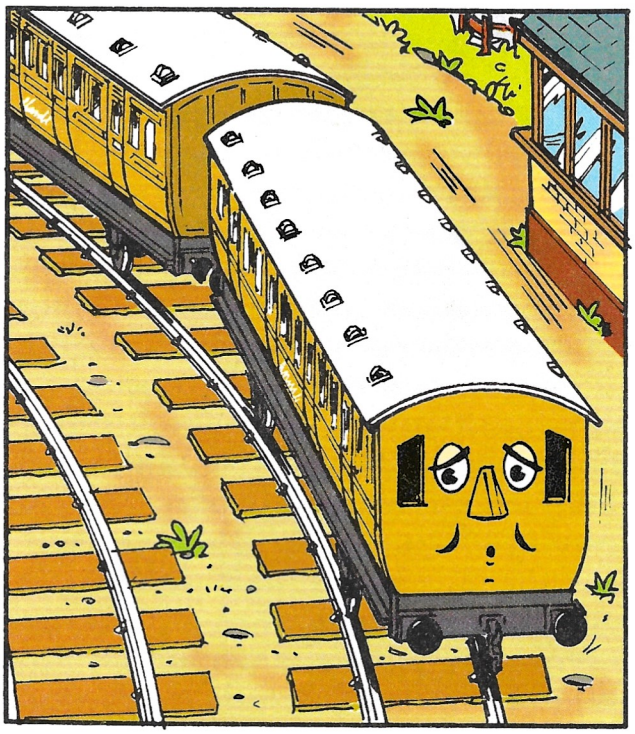
6. The two carriages felt very upset. The following day, Thomas took them with him. But they rocked about, making it hard for him to pull them.



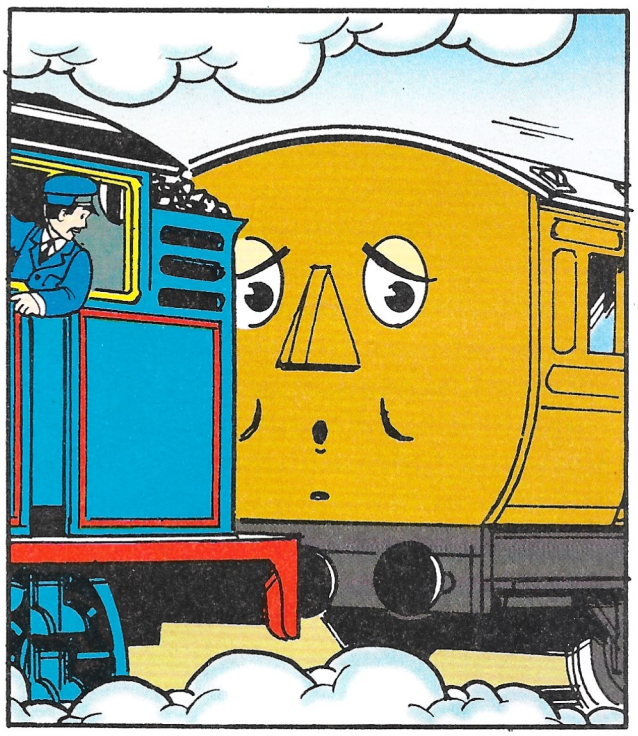
7. “Stop that!” called Thomas. “Shan’t!” whispered Annie and Clarabel sulkily. They even bumped Thomas as he slowed down to enter a station.



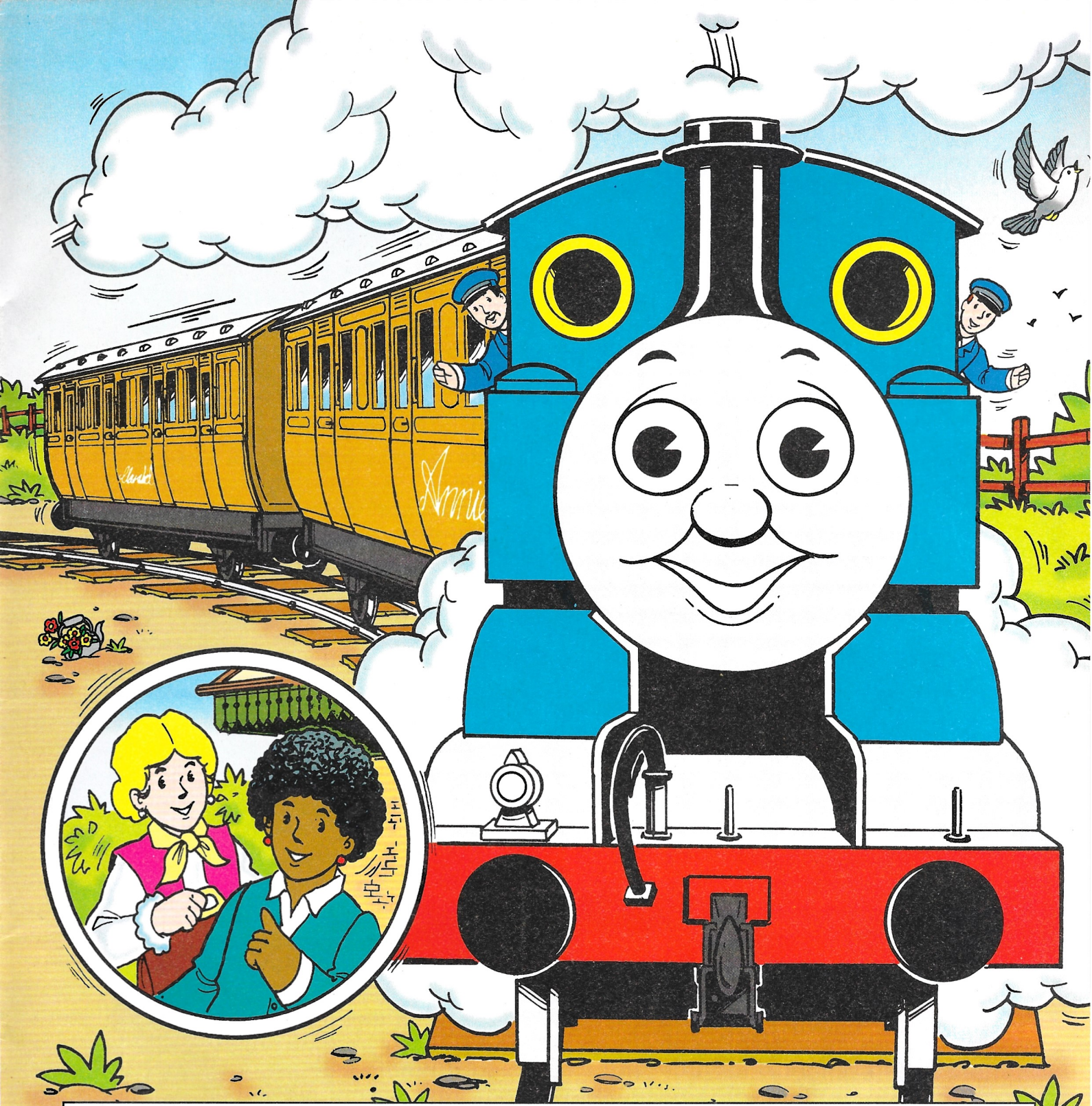
8. “You’re behaving just like troublesome trucks!” Thomas puffed. Clarabel’s answer was to bump even harder. But the next moment, she broke free.



9. Clarabel was still coupled to Annie. Luckily, the signalman quickly changed the points so they rolled into a siding and finally stopped.

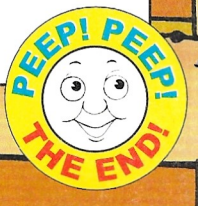


10. Thomas went to fetch them. “We don’t want to go to the scrapyard!” said Clarabel. “We know you’re having new carriages,” added Annie.



11. "Their names are Clarissa and Emma!" said both of the carriages. Coupled once again to Thomas, they pulled up at the platform where two ladies waited. "Meet Emma and Clarissa!" said Thomas. He explained that they were to make new covers for Annie and Clarabel's worn seats.

12. "You're both going to the Works for a refit!" Thomas told his astonished carriages. "You'll soon look brand-new again!" Annie and Clarabel were relieved and happy. With the ladies aboard, Thomas steamed on his way. This time Annie and Clarabel behaved as good as gold.



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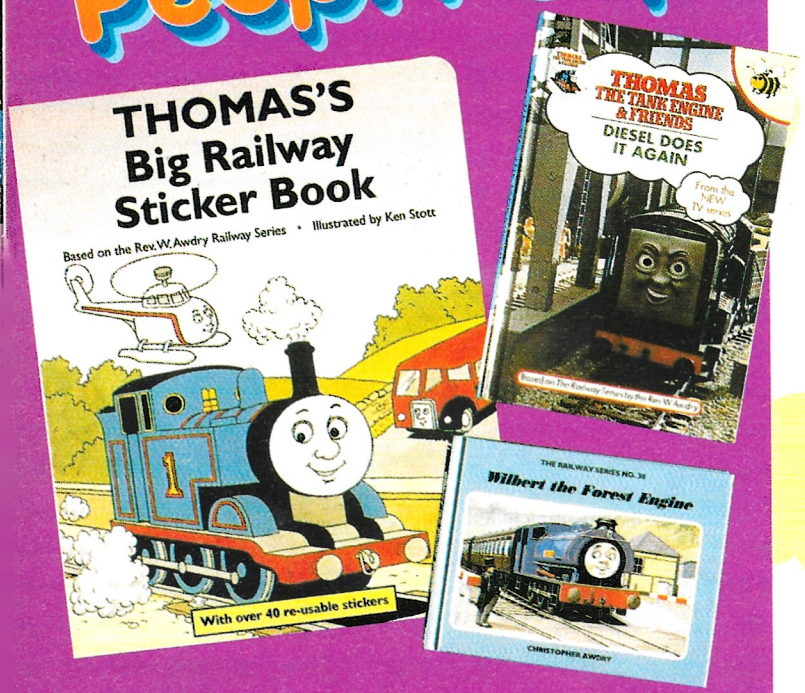

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